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It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the documents listed on the attached. Copies of the five listed Japanese Language documents are submitted herewith, along with a published English language abstract of each. Also submitted herewith is a copy of the International Search Report issued in connection with the captioned application and in which six of the documents were cited. U.S. 2002/0041323 corresponds to JP 2001-276985 cited in the International Search Report and U.S. 4,822,973 corresponds to JP 60-2211186 cited in the International Search Report.

Japanese Kokai H5-337659 is discussed as "Background Art" at pages 1-3 of applicants' specification and the examiner's attention is directed to that discussion as a statement of the relevance of the document.

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